SUBJECT No. 294.

Age limit for the Mysore Lower Secondary examination.

Mr. Ramaswamiengar, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.— The age limit now fixed with regard to private candidates appearing for the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination may be removed as it is an inconvenient rule. It was promised last year that the age limit would be abolished early.

Reply of Government.—The Inspector-General of Education has been requested to submit proposals for doing away with the age limit.

SUBJECT No. 295.

English and Hindustani knowing teachers in A. V. schools.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Prays for the appointment of teachers knowing both English and Hindustani in Anglo-Vernacular schools.

An English teacher is required for the A. H. School at Chikmagalur.

Reply of Government.—An English teacher has been recently posted to the Chikmagalur school.

SUBJECT No. 296.

Female teachers in girls' schools.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that female teachers may be appointed in girls' schools.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah.—For primary schools male teachers are not objectionable. In fact, better work is generally turned out in schools where such teachers are employed.

Reply of Government.—There is a special provision for replacing male teachers in girls' schools by female teachers. As female teachers are available they are being appointed.

SUBJECT No. 297

Educational text-books.

(*a*) Messrs. Revana Siddayya, Gurulingappa, and Halappa, Honnali taluk.
(*b*) Messrs. Mahomed Imam Sab, Mir Mahomed Sab and Subba Rao, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The frequent change of text-books in schools has been causing much inconvenience to the poorer classes of pupils and to a regular course of instruction in schools, not to speak of the inconvenience caused by an inadequate supply of books from the Central Book Depot. Orders may be passed that text-books once prescribed should be in force for a prescribed period.

(*b*) recognition of alternative text-books for use in one and the same class causes much inconvenience to the pupils of lower classes who are obliged to leave one school and join another, as they find themselves unable to follow the course of instruction given in the text-books in use in the new schools. The Text-Book Committee may be advised to prescribe common text-books for use in all schools in the State and change them, if necessry, once in five years.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao and M. Venkatakrishniah supported the representation, urging that the same text-books should be ordered to be kept in use for a period of five, or at least, three years.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.